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Scattered showers with a high of 63 and a low of 35.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 60 and a low of 34.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 68 and a low of 41; possible thunderstorms later in the day.

### SUNDAY:

Mildly cloudy with a high of 72 and lows in the 40s.

## verbatim

"The time for smoking in Seabeck is now! Smokers of the world unite!"

Benjamin Hite, junior

# Junior Ring Week Madness

## College Warns Students Not To Cross Line With Junior Ring Week Pranks

By SHAWNA SHEPHERD  
News Editor

Junior Amy Benson came back to Mason Hall, where she is a resident assistant, on March 27 and found the door to her room laying in the building's lobby. Upstairs she discovered that everything from her room had been moved into the hallway. The inside of her room was completely toilet-papered with shaving cream on the walls and ceiling with the words "We love Amy" spelled out.

For Benson, pranks like the one that was pulled on Monday night are commonplace during Junior Ring Week, a week to celebrate juniors before they receive their class rings. Some pranks have gotten out of hand according to some juniors and administrators. But other juniors, such as Benson, are enjoying the pranks.

"They were really creative. I was pretty impressed by them," Benson said.

Christopher Winslow, a junior, had to listen to polka music, outside his room until 1 a.m. as a prank, which he thought was tolerable. However, Winslow was not amused by the offensive flyers of him that were posted across campus.

"Some of the pranks have been acceptable and funny, but some have crossed the line of decency," he said.

President William Anderson sent an e-mail on Monday, the first day of Junior Ring Week, urging students to celebrate the college's tradition in positive ways, reminding the student body that criminal charges could result from disobeying Virginia's hazing law.

"Practical jokes that can be considered harassment, damage of personal property, and causing physical harm are absolutely unacceptable during Junior Ring Week, or any other time," Anderson wrote in his e-mail.

According to Stan Beger, chief of college police, if a prank is in violation of college policy or state law, the police will get involved. "We know it is a rite of passage, so to speak," he said. "I hate to see people getting a record for being so silly."

There have been two incidents taken to the police related to Junior Ring Week as of Wednesday, March 29. Destruction of state property occurred on March 27 in Mason Hall because someone broke the lock and door knob to enter a room and trash it. No one has been charged for the damages. A missing bed mattress in Willard Hall was reported on March 28.

Residence Life and Housing employees were instructed to put a



Joel Nelson/Bullet  
Dressed as women, juniors Bryan Holt and Pete Stoughton galavant through campus to avoid night raids on their room.

stop to any prank that was inappropriate.

"Direction has been given to all Residence Life staff to intervene in any Junior Ring Week prank that is abusive, destructive or offensive in any way," said Lou Florio, graduate residence director, in an e-mail to Residence Life and Housing staff.

Despite some attempts to tone down Junior Ring Week pranks, freshmen, sophomores and seniors have found ways to get juniors.

Juniors Brian Holt and Pete Stoughton found a bag in their room in Westmoreland Hall with dresses in it and a note that said if they didn't want nightly raids all week, they had to wear the dresses and perform in Seabeck Hall.

On March 29, Holt and Stoughton put on a show at Seabeck and danced to "Free Your Mind" by En Vogue.

"The crowd at Seabeck loved it," Holt said. "Even Pat, the card swiper, joined in."

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life and college alumnae, said that the pranks have become more vicious in recent years.

"Students don't understand the line between endangering the student's

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Joel Nelson/Bullet  
Madelyn Marino, Vanessa Mohlenfeld, Jen Amore and Lauren Oviatt get doused with shaving cream.

## Convict Charged With Campus Auto Theft

By ELIZABETH WATERS  
Assistant News Editor

Russell Santmeyer, 32, was apprehended by Fairfax County Police Tuesday, March 28 at 8:40 p.m. in Vienna, Va. after allegedly stealing a privately-owned vehicle from the Mary Washington College Facilities Services parking lot that afternoon.

Santmeyer, who was driving the vehicle when he was apprehended, was arrested at the scene for outstanding charges in Fairfax and was detained in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center until Wednesday evening. He was served a warrant on Wednesday for grand larceny. Lt. Rick Knick of the college police transported Santmeyer from Fairfax to the Rayburnhamock Regional Jail on Wednesday evening, where he is being held on a \$5000 bond.

Knick said Santmeyer's criminal history cannot be released because the case has not yet been adjudicated.

Santmeyer, a white male from Fairfax, was performing community service at the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank as part of a 20 week community service program through the Stafford Detention Center, part of the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Santmeyer wandered away from the Food Bank, located on Lafayette Boulevard, and walked to the Facilities Services lot, located at the Battleground on Hanover Street.

Stan Beger, chief of college police, said that Santmeyer walked to the parking lot in search of a ride. "Apparently he was looking for transportation," Beger said.

When he reached the Facilities Services lot, Santmeyer noticed a red GMC pickup truck with its keys in the ignition according to police.

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## New Senate To Represent Faculty Views

By TERESA JOERGER  
Assistant News Editor

After a presentation from the Committee on Faculty Organization (CFO) during the faculty's March meeting, college faculty members are considering a measure to change the format of their meetings to a faculty senate, citing issues of representation and leadership as reasons for the change.

Bruce O'Brien, associate professor of history, and Debra Nails, associate professor of philosophy, worked together to create the model for the proposed senate.

"When the meetings went longer than an hour and a half, faculty left to teach or for other reasons, and this meant that measures acted on late in meetings might not have reflected the will of the faculty as a whole," O'Brien said. "We had problems getting a quorum at times. Many faculty were not well informed on the issues on the agenda. These had not suddenly developed, but had been problems for many years."

There was also concern about an administrator, the dean of faculty, controlling the faculty's agenda.

"Our existing meetings, which required the attendance of all full-time faculty and which was presided over by an administrator who was not one of the faculty, was not only inefficient but also not our own meeting. We rarely got through our agendas. Important matters were put off to later meetings," O'Brien said.

"Many members of faculty would prefer that the

faculty conduct its own business, so an aspect of the faculty senate model is that there be an elected faculty president to set agendas and chair meetings," Nails said.

During faculty meetings, the entire faculty meets in a "town meeting" format to discuss and vote on issues. Under the proposed senate, there will be one senator elected for one year by each of the college's 22 departments, plus a president, a department-elect, and an additional member, all elected at large by the faculty. The entire faculty will still meet, but only a few times a year instead of monthly. Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, will no longer preside over the meetings, but will regularly report to the senate.

All of the current faculty committees will continue, but no senators may serve on committees. Also, the student positions on the committees will not be altered. The meetings will remain public, encouraging student and faculty attendance as a whole.

Before the senate can go into effect in the fall, the faculty has to finalize the motion at their April 5 meeting. Then changes need to be made in the faculty handbook, which has to be approved by the BOV in their April 15 meeting. Because the



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Phil Hall.

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## Club Websites Under Review

By CHANDRA DASGUPTA  
Issues Editor

In light of negative response to profane language on the website of the college radio station, WMWC, the college's Network Policy Committee is currently reviewing the network policy for student activities' websites.

James Peacemaker, WMWC's webmaster, took over the position this semester and wrote the original introduction to the WMWC webpage containing language that some readers found offensive.

"We hope that you enjoy listening to our station. If you live on campus. If you live off campus then I guess you're screwed, and if you don't like listening to our station then screw yourself," the webpage introduction originally read.

Peacemaker felt that the introduction to WMWC's webpage, though tentative, was fine.

"I had just made kind of like a place holder intro page to be there until I finished work on it. I thought that the intro page had character," Peacemaker said. "Although it was not intended for everyone, I thought it might appeal to our target audience, students."

Sharon Palmatory, college webmaster, received negative comments about WMWC's website.

"I am responsible for officially recognized student clubs' websites, even though these websites are considered individual personal websites," Palmatory said.

Palmatory and Gabby Sulzbach, acting director of student activities, both contacted Peacemaker, who did not realize that the specific URL address for the WMWC site could be accessed independently of the college's website.

"The WMWC webpage was shut down, it wouldn't load at all before the link was put on the MWC site," Peacemaker said.

Sulzbach said that Peacemaker had not intended for anyone to see what he had written.

"I talked to James Peacemaker and he agreed that it was not appropriate in the website," Sulzbach said.

Peacemaker said that he was contacted by Palmatory and Sulzbach, but disagrees with the negative reaction to the website.

"Sharon Palmatory contacted me by phone, and said [the webpage shutdown] was because it had offensive material," Peacemaker said. "In other words, it might offend those conservative money-giving alumni and parents... I changed [the wording] begrudgingly."

Palmatory said that it is difficult to know what is appropriate for websites of student clubs and activities.

"I don't put any sanctions on student websites," Palmatory said. "Student websites fall under our blanket policy that they are personal websites, and that the individual or

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# After 32 Years, Spanish Professor Retires

By DAVID MARSHALL  
Staff Writer

Many changes have occurred at Mary Washington since 1968. The college became independent from the University of Virginia, became co-educational and opened a graduate campus in Stafford County. But for the past 32 years Joanna Reynolds has been teaching students how to speak Spanish here.

After this semester, Reynolds, associate professor of Spanish, will retire to pursue other interests.

"I still love teaching," Reynolds said. "But there are other things I want to do. I want to stop teaching while I still love it."

Reynolds, who was chair of the modern foreign language department from 1990 to 1996, played a role in developing the college's current general education and across-the-curriculum requirements. She said she's proud of the students here and the foreign language program.

"I'm very pleased with the rigorous foreign language program that Mary Washington has," she said. "Learning a foreign language is so important. Especially now that the world is getting smaller and smaller and Spanish has become the second language of America."

Because she thinks learning a second language is important, Reynolds said she became interested at an early age in teaching Spanish.

"My main focus has always been on teaching. Learning a foreign language gives you a feeling of accomplishment and it's

wonderful to go to a foreign country and speak the language," she said.

While many students criticize the college's requirement that students complete four semesters of a foreign language, Reynolds looks at it differently.

"Foreign languages are a marvelous discipline for learning," Reynolds said. "[Languages are] a discipline in which you must study daily as well as add on to your knowledge instead of memorizing and forgetting old information."

Students and fellow foreign language faculty are

German, has been a colleague of Reynolds' for many years.

"Professor Reynolds has long been a pillar of the [modern foreign languages] department. She has helped us weather many a storm with her wisdom and charm. I can't imagine our department without her," Niebuhr said.

Robert Sobocke, a senior Spanish major, said that his freshman year Reynolds helped him decide to major in Spanish.

"She has certain standards and demands for her students, but it's a good thing. She doesn't let you get lazy," Sobocke said.

Patsy Conliffe, modern foreign language department secretary, said she will miss Reynolds.

"She's wonderful," Conliffe said. "I am sorry to see her leave. She is a good friend. I am happy she's able to retire. She deserves to get enjoyment out of life."

Junior Wendy Ramirez, a Spanish major, said she has enjoyed Reynolds' classes.

"She's very enthusiastic," Ramirez said. "She's very excited about teaching Spanish literature. That makes the lectures more interesting."

Reynolds said she is looking forward to her retirement. She plans to garden, hike and pursue her interests in art and music. Reynolds also will attend a writing seminar at Duke University.

Reynolds is a graduate of Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. She received her master's degree from Duke University and her Ph.D. at George Washington University.

**"Learning a foreign language is so important. Especially now that the world is getting smaller and smaller and Spanish has become the second language of America."**

Joanna Reynolds

sorry to see Reynolds go.

"She's been a wonderful mentor to me," said Mary Yudin, assistant professor of Spanish. "I'm going to be really sorry to see her leave. I admire the work she's done with students, the program and the department. She has been a vital member of the department."

Colleen Blue, a Spanish major and one of Reynolds' advisees, said Reynolds' classes were always entertaining.

"It was always interesting to have class with her because her southern accent and her southernness often came out in class," Blue, a senior, said. "She used a lot of southern expressions. She was always entertaining as a professor."

Vera Niebuhr, associate professor of



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Saturday Night Live comic Jimmy Fallon does an impersonation of Seinfeld character Kramer for a packed Dodd Auditorium Sunday night. See story page 8.

# After WMWC Website 'Obscenity' Webpages Reviewed

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group, not the college, is held responsible."

However, Adam Martin, general manager of WMWC, was not made aware of the problems with the website.

"No one ever got in contact with me," Martin said. "I also never signed anything or realized we had to follow a policy for the website."

The actions taken with the WMWC website did not go through the Network Policy Committee, only through Palmatory directly. Palmatory, who was hired as webmaster in October, said that it is difficult to know exactly what to do in these situations without an official policy for the activities' websites.

"There is no policy in place," Palmatory said. "I was unclear about what to do in this situation. Even though student websites are protected under the disclaimer statement of the present network policy, there is a need to set some regulations."

The Network Policy Committee was started by Ernest Ackermann, professor of computer science, who with several administrators crafted

the original network policy and established that the committee would periodically review the network policy.

The Network Policy Committee is headed by Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer. Some of the other committee members include Maylan Pak, president of Student Government Association, Palmatory, and Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.

The committee is reviewing the current network policy in order to develop a new policy for student clubs' and activities' websites. The new policy is still being planned. Pak, the only student

representative on the committee, did not know about WMWC's webpage.

"I know there was some concern about the website, but was unaware of the results," Pak said. "If the conditions were



**"Illegal purposes...include using obscenity in expressing an opinion, promoting a concept or presenting anything on or through the college's network."**

Midge Poyck

not explained to WMWC on how to present the website, they should be explained before actions are taken and the club should have the opportunity to fix them."

Poyck explained which infringements the committee was looking for.

"The college and by delegated

authority, the committee, have a responsibility to ensure that the network is not used for illegal purposes, which includes using obscenity in expressing an opinion, promoting a concept or presenting anything on or through the college's network, including websites," Poyck said.

Poyck declined to comment on what the committee would define as obscene. Pak also could not define 'obscene' for the committee.

"I don't know what obscene is; it's probably like the Supreme Court Justice that said 'I can't define it, but I know pornography when I see it,'" Pak said.

Peacemaker did not think that the WMWC webpage should have been changed at all.

"I don't think our site was

objectionable enough to need changing," Peacemaker said. "It's not like it had porn or real cuss words or even drugs or guns."

Poyck said that organizations will be held accountable for their websites after policies are defined.

"Once in place, organizations will be held responsible for adhering to them if they wish to maintain a link to the college's network," Poyck said. "Ensuring the integrity of the college's network and that it is being used for appropriate purposes is not censorship. It is a matter of responsible stewardship."

Ackermann, one of the founders of the current network policy, considered what might be considered obscene.

"In reality, anyone may [monitor] and some folks come across material they felt is objectionable," Ackermann said. "All the objections deserve a response. If a site is found not to adhere to the policy then it needs to be changed or moved to another system outside of the college."

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life

but not a member of the committee, said he thinks maintaining free speech is necessary.

"The committee is looking for a policy that will still guarantee the rights of expression," Rucker said. "Freedom of speech, civil rights are of a paramount importance to the college."

Rucker, Ackermann and Palmatory said they had no absolute definition of obscene.

Ackermann suggested that if students feel strongly about the network policy, they should voice their opinions.

"Some things don't change easily and forms of civil disobedience are necessary," he said.

Peacemaker thinks that the proposed network policy guidelines could be ridiculous.

"This is just another form of ultra-conservatism," Peacemaker said. "I guess we are only allowed to show the aspects of 'student life' that might qualify for a pretty brochure cover. Keep everything else away from the eyes of the alumni and the Board of Visitors."

## Campus Information

▼ Elena Borisovna Smilianskaia, professor of history at Moscow State University, will deliver a lecture titled "Traditional Culture and the Russian Religious Mind" on Tuesday, April 4. The lecture, which is part of Russian Culture Days, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Red Room of Woodard Campus Center and is open to the public without charge. Smilianskaia has spent the past 25 years traveling across the former Soviet Union studying communities of the 300-year-old Orthodox sect known as "Old Believers." Smilianskaia's lecture is sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages. For more information on the lecture or for a complete event listing, call 654-1032.

▼ A financial education seminar, "Market Outlook," will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 104. Reservations are required by April 6 and can be made by calling 654-1150. The seminar is designed to help educate citizens about the importance of investing and the steps individuals should take to guarantee a financially sound retirement or to accomplish their financial goals, such as funding for a child's education and purchasing a new home. For more information, call 899-3939.

▼ Approximately 4,000 people are expected to attend Mary Washington College's Tenth Annual Multicultural Fair on Saturday, April 8 on the college

campus. Campus Walk will be lined with craft vendors and three stages for live entertainment. Ethnic food vendors and additional entertainment will occupy Ball Circle. The fair, which is part of the college's Cultural Awareness Series, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to the public without charge. This year there will be a kick-off parade at 10 a.m. that will travel down College Avenue, from Jefferson Davis Highway toward William Street, reaching its end at the main gates of the college. The Multicultural Fair is sponsored by the James Farmer Multicultural Center. For more information, call the center at 654-1044.

▼ The Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the Office of Residence Life will host a Ukrainian egg painting workshop at the college on Saturday, April 15. Two sessions of the workshop will be held. The first will begin at 12 noon and the second will begin at 2:30 p.m. The workshops, which are free and open to the public, will be held in the Tan Lounge of the Woodard Campus Center. Advanced registration is required for the workshop. Workshop participants will learn the history and symbolism behind the tradition of the ancient folk art of Ukrainian egg painting. They then will be assisted in painting their own egg to take home. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Yvonne Brandon by phone, 897-0798 or 654-1998, or by e-mail at ybrandon@mwc.edu.

## Police Beat

By SHAWNA SHEPHERD  
News Editor

### ▼ LARCENY

March 27—Russell S. Santmyer, 32, of Fairfax, Va., allegedly stole a truck from a campus parking lot. Santmyer was arrested that night at 8:40 p.m. in Vienna, Va. while driving the vehicle. Santmyer was brought to Fredericksburg March 29 for arraignment the next day. He was charged with Grand Larceny, which is punishable by one to 20 years in prison.

March 27—Destruction of state property occurred in Mason Hall room 126. An unknown person or persons tore the lock off and broke the door knob of the bathroom door that adjoins another residence hall room. Once entry was gained, the room was trashed, appearing to police to be a junior ring week prank. It cost the college \$197 to repair and replace the lock. The case is under investigation.

March 28—Breaking and entering and grand larceny occurred in Trinkle Hall room B40. A computer worth \$1,500 was taken from the room that was locked, according to a professor. The case is still under investigation. The charge is punishable by one to 20 years in prison. College police are taking steps to make sure all classrooms in Trinkle Hall, with the exception of two study halls and the computer labs, are locked

by 10 p.m. Doors are also being repaired to make them more theft-proof.

### ▼ INJURY

March 23—A student was injured while performing a dance maneuver and slipped and fell on the stage floor. An ambulance squad came to the scene but the student refused transportation to the hospital.

### ▼ MISCELLANEOUS

March 25—The fire alarm sounded in Jefferson Hall as a result of burnt popcorn on the west side of the second floor.

March 27—An unknown person walked into the Office of Human Resources in the basement of George Washington Hall and acted in an irate manner. He was apparently upset about not getting a job. He left the building before college police arrived at the scene.

March 28—A student in Willard Hall room 116 reported his mattress was missing from his room. His room was left unlocked.

March 29—Telephone harassment occurred at 1:20 a.m. after a student received a number of hang-up calls. The caller made several lewd comments to the victim. The case is under investigation.

# Viewpoints

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## editorial

### Media Restrictions Continue

Yesterday, Midge Poyck told The Bulletin "The college, and by delegated authority the committee, have a responsibility to ensure that the [computer] network is not used for illegal purposes, which includes using obscenity in expressing an opinion, promoting a concept or presenting anything on or through the college's network, including websites."

It makes one wonder how the college's administration is interpreting the First Amendment.

Last semester, after a flurry of mass e-mails, the college banned students, and even student organizations, from sending mass e-mails to inform the campus of news that might be important. It is more likely that it would be unimportant, but that is not the issue.

The college banned, then un-banned, then re-banned mass e-mail. The last ban, which the college has yet to reverse its position on, went so far as to ban student organizations from sending out informational mass e-mails. The new policy made it much more difficult for student activities to advertise their events.

Last week, the college's Student Publications Study Committee relented in its efforts to censor the college's student publications only after protest from students and faculty members.

The presidentially-appointed Student Publications Study Committee proposed a draconian list of restrictions to free expression be applied student publications a few weeks ago. The committee relented only after students and faculty launched a protest of the restrictions and sent the college's plan proposing the restriction to the Student Press Law Center.

And still the recommendation of the committee to the college's Board of Visitors is problematic.

Administrative feathers were ruffled after WMWC used the word "screw" on their website to such a degree that Poyck decided to spout off about the college's responsibility to control "obscenity" while refusing to define it. The word "screw" is not worth a college committee rifling through student webpages looking for material to censor.

Even if it were, a simple warning would have sufficed.

It's time the college realizes that respecting free expression and freedom of the press means more than simple lip service.

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## Junior Ring Week Gets Egged By Administration

Bryan Johnson  
Guest Columnist

First they took away our Homecoming. Now another MWC tradition is biting the dust.

In case any of you have missed the fliers, this week is Junior Ring Week, but nobody would know the difference, except for the pictures of some naked kid that graced the walls of the post office for all of an hour on Monday.

See, for all you freshmen who don't know what you're missing, Junior Ring Week has been a tradition at Mary Washington for a while, and it appears that this tradition has joined Homecoming on the Endangered Traditions list.

Thinking back to my freshman year, I can remember some pretty neat pranks that were pulled on juniors.

There were bedrooms assembled outside of Randolph Hall, people duct taped to lamp posts across campus, an RA had all her cosmetics taped to the ceiling of her bathroom....the list carries on.

However, this year there has been a real absence of pranks being pulled on juniors. As one of "The Hunted" myself, I was wondering when my time to be hit would come. Well, folks, it came and went, and that's why I find myself writing this.

After arriving at the fountain covered with duct tape, two of my fellow juniors and I found our friends waiting to cover us with the usual condiments. You know, spaghetti sauce, eggs, flour, things of that sort.

Much to our surprise, we were all informed by a figure of authority that the college has asked certain professional staff members to not only break up any

pranks they see, but take down the names of those involved.

Folks, I just don't get it. In the past, Junior Ring Week was a period of pranking your friends who happened to be juniors, but also knowing that in a year or two you'd be receiving the same treatment.

Now, I've looked forward to this week for two years, and to be honest, I feel cheated.

When I came here as a freshman, I saw Homecoming weekend and thought, "Man, this place isn't all that bad."

Sophomore year there was no tailgating allowed, and some of the blame was unjustly placed on the rugby team.

Yeah, whatever. But that spring, Junior Ring Week rolled around, and once again I had my share of fun. This year, however, what are we left with?

Well, I can count on my hands the number of people who actually considered Homecoming this year to be anything but just another weekend at MWC.

Drinking isn't even an issue...it's the fact that there really wasn't any reason to have school spirit that weekend. There was nothing that really united us all. Sure, the soccer team had

### FAST FACT:

A local ordinance in Atwoodville, Conn. prohibits people from playing Scrabble while waiting for a politician to speak.

their game, and the rugby team played the alumni again, but other than that, it's just another weekend.

And now, it appears that Junior Ring Week has just become another week in the calendar of life at MWC.

What am I getting at? Students, administrators, anyone who is reading this, please don't let them take another tradition away from us students.

Too much time is wasted at Mary Washington discussing name changes, large statues, and globes in the fountain.

Realize that we are college kids, and traditions are important to us, no matter what many "anti-hazing laws" say.

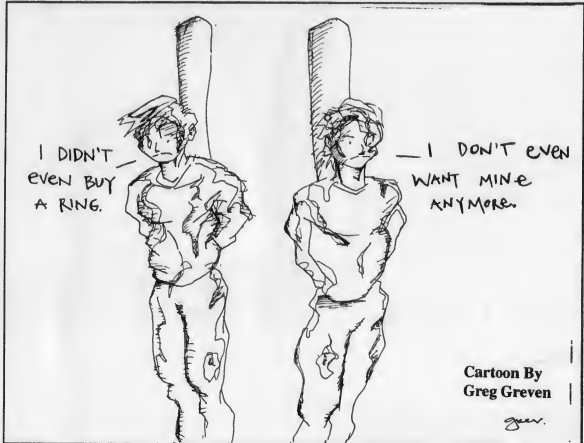
I'll even let you in on a little secret - as

juniors, we actually look forward to getting attacked by our friends on campus. It's not as if people are in dire danger of dying from alcohol poisoning, or are being made to drink against our will.

Folks, us juniors have one year left, and then for most of us it's time for the real world, with real jobs.

Let us have one week full of great memories, stories to tell our kids...I mean, come on - we are still in college, aren't we?

Bryan Johnson is a junior



Cartoon By  
Greg Greven

## New Lottery System Unfair

Rob McCandlish  
Guest Columnist

I am writing this letter with regard to my feelings on the matter of the assignment of lottery numbers for housing selection. Although I feel that the administration will probably place little or no consideration into my sentiments on the matter, I feel that I have been quiet for too long. Many times I have decided that nothing I had to say about a situation which bothered me was worth saying, but now I feel that it would be in the best interest of myself and others to put my thoughts into words.

For the past two years I've been a student here at MWC. I've put more work into my classes than most of the people I know and have been rewarded with decent grades. Although studying has never come easily to me, it has come best when I have been in a quiet and clean environment with few interruptions. When I lived in Randolph Hall my freshman year I did my studying in the room, going to the library only on several occasions when I had to study on the designated dorm drinking night.

As a freshman, I didn't have the best of lottery numbers. The system we had was one in which a student was rewarded by ranking by the number of credits taken and his cumulative GPA, a system I found to be quite fair. When my number was called at housing selection, I quickly chose the quiet floor of Jefferson. This floor has proved to be at times louder than anything I had experienced last year and dirtier than I could have imagined.

This morning, after seeing my lottery number, I realized just how disgusted I am with the new housing system. The number I received was 1279, leaving me almost 600 numbers below some of the other males in my class.

With a future roommate whose number is 1217, we have little hope of getting into any dorm of our choice. Rather, we will probably end up living in Jefferson again, against our will. I know there are many others who feel as I do about the new system,

"...we have little hope of getting into the dorm of our choice."

Rob McCandlish

## Letters to the Editor

### Senior Offers Gender-Gap Solution

Editor:

In the past, many students have voiced their discontent with the "gender gap" here at MWC.

1. for one, really don't care about the lack of males here at the college but I'm sick of hearing everyone complain about it. So, as a gesture of my benevolence I am willing to offer a solution...you're welcome.

The avid Bulletin reader, such as yourself, is surely aware of some of the ideas proposed by members of the student body and the administration to attract men to the campus. Let's review my personal favorites:

1. Start a football program at MWC.
2. Have a bar on campus.
3. Allow fraternities and sororities to be formed.

It is common knowledge here at Mary Washington that the standards for allowing men into the school are lower than those set for women.

Given that fact, it's hard enough for me as a male to be taken seriously on this campus. The last thing I need is for people to think more of my kind can be lured to MWC with cheap beer and football. Obviously, policies such as these could only be detrimental to the makeup of the student body.

So, what can be done to increase the number of males here on campus? To me, the answer always seemed painfully obvious.

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The question is how can we take this information and use it to enhance gender equity at MWC? Simple, the college should be willing to advertise the fact that MWC is roughly 2/3 female.

It is reasonable to think that this fact alone would increase the number of male applicants and decrease the number of female applicants. The problem could work itself out in a few years.

I can hear you saying it now, "Wouldn't the males we attract using women be just as bad as those who would be lured here with a football team or bar?"

No, and here's why: Introducing superficial and intellectually-void programs with the sole intent of bringing males to MWC would do more than just increase the number of men.

Such programs could potentially adversely affect the academic atmosphere of the campus. Not to mention the fact that many students came here because the campus lacked things such as football and a Greek system.

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Mike McKenna is a senior

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A disturbing inconvenience has recently begun to anger me even more than my inability to use flex to buy beer.

Students at our institution are routinely herded onto porches when they desire to enjoy a neuron-stimulating cigarette. With so many smokers at our school, why are there no reasonable accommodations for smoking indoors.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a study looking for links between lung cancer and secondhand smoke. The study, which tracked 2,000 people including 650 cancer patients in six European countries, found that nonsmokers married to, working with or growing up with smokers were not at significantly more risk from lung cancer than anyone else.

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Certainly it seems reasonable to ban smoking in academic buildings. There's no reason anyone needs to light up in class. But many residence halls have banned residents from even smoking in the privacy of their own rooms. That's outrageous. If a student in his room shuts the door and lights up a cigarette, he isn't causing any harm to anyone outside the room.

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Think about it: some smokers get lung cancer after smoking a pack of 20 cigarettes a day for 30 years. A pack a day for 30 years works out to 211,200 cigarettes. It's quantity that counts, and if it takes that much smoke to get sick, what could a tiny amount of secondhand smoke really do?

Mary Washington College is a fine institution of higher learning. We should be able to separate scientific fact from frenzied fiction. There's no reason to ban smoking in Seacobeck other than submission to the antismoking Nazis. The time for smoking in Seacobeck is now! Smokers of the world unite!

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Sophomore Jamie Spencer is a blood organ donor.

"You have to get the right person. It can be iffy," Spencer said. He said he's not exactly sure why he's a donor. "It seemed like I could help someone," he said.

The human body's natural immune response is to reject anything that is foreign to it, including new organs. Because of new immunosuppressive drugs, more transplants can be successful because they suppress the response of the immune system.

According to UNOS, there is a 76 percent three-year-survival rate for kidney transplant recipients.

Still, rejections are possible for anyone who has undergone a transplant. Currently, there is a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee that would amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend time limits on Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive drugs.

There is also a bill in front of the Senate that would award congressional medals to organ donors, posthumously. The Organ Donor and Procurement Network (ODPN) is supporting the bill to award "Gift of Life" medals in the hopes that it would encourage Americans to sign their donor cards.

According to the ODPN, there are over 68,000 people in the United States currently awaiting transplant.

For more information about organ donation, please visit the United Network for Organ Sharing on the Internet at [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org).

# Serving Time

Mary Washington Graduates Make a Difference in the Peace Corps

By LINA PENALOSA  
Assistant Features Editor

His first night in an African village, Ausin Merrill laid awake in his tin-roof, concrete-walled room on a sliver of plastic-woven rug. Wrapped in a sheet, like a larva in a cocoon, Merrill fought a panic attack while the sweat poured out, roaches began scurrying and mosquitoes buzzed in his ears.

Merrill, a Peace Corps volunteer, began his stay in Cote d'Ivoire believing he had made a serious mistake and left two years later missing his new home.

"I was thinking, 'I don't know how I can stay here for two years,'" Merrill said. "I had a huge, huge panic attack, but my hardest day in Africa was the day I left. I had to say good-bye to all my friends. The men were out playing (con-tom drums and the women were dancing. It was really hard."

The Peace Corps, founded in 1961, currently has 7,000 volunteers and trainees. Serving 134 countries in more than 37 years, their mission has been to provide foreign countries with trained men and women to meet their needs, to promote a better understanding of Americans and a better understanding of the peoples served.

According to Terence Miller, a Peace Corps recruiter, this year Mary Washington College was ranked fifth in the nation among colleges with less than 5,000 undergraduates for their number of volunteers. MWC had 19 volunteers this year, while the top college in this category, American University, had 40.

Merrill, a 1990 MWC graduate, says the number has significantly increased since he applied in 1993.

"I wasn't even expecting to get in because I heard all these crazy stats, like 20,000 apply and only 3,000 get in," Merrill said.

According to a Peace Corps brochure, admission is competitive but recruiters will work to help potential volunteers gain the skills and experiences to qualify for an assignment.

Approximately 60 percent of the volunteers are generalists, Miller said. This includes majors in sociology, anthropology, history, political science and other fields.

Volunteers should also have at least a rudimentary knowledge of agriculture or community service.

More than three-fourths of the volunteers have a college degree. According to the Peace Corps website 82 percent have undergraduate degrees and 13 percent have graduate degrees.

Merrill, former assistant dean of admissions of MWC, says it is a tough transition to move from the U.S. into an undeveloped country, but that the Peace Corps works hard to prepare you for it.

Volunteers spend three months in their host countries learning the local customs and language before they begin their two-year commitments.

"[My experience was] none whatsoever," Merrill said. "I was a history major and the only relevant experience was a summer job in construction. When we got off the truck for the first time I remember thinking, 'I've got to spend two years here, it's hot and I just want to go to sleep.'"

Merrill recalls the culture shock his first day in his designated village on the Ivory Coast. Nothing, he says, can really prepare you for what you'll experience.

"The road was lined with women and children from town," Merrill said. "They just stopped and stared at me, their mouths dropped open in shock and the shock turned to fear. [The children] started screaming and crying, trying to hide behind their mother's skirts. I'm white and over six feet tall. I think it was probably very startling."

While there was no running water in Merrill's concrete home, he did have electricity and a private latrine and shower.

"I had a two room apartment with a light bulb in each of the rooms," Merrill said. "I had to walk

about 50 yards to get to the shower and latrine which was just a squat hole in a concrete slab. [The showers] were actually really nice because I would wait until it was dark and a woman in the village would heat [a bucket of] water for me and I would look out at the stars."

Miller says a volunteer needs about two years in their



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host countries to accomplish their goals.

"The first year you really learn your job and the second year you become efficient," Miller said.

According to the Peace Corps there are six areas where a volunteer can serve. Education is the most common with 40 percent of the volunteers. The others include environment, 17 percent, health, 18 percent, business, 13 percent and agriculture with 9 percent.

Most volunteers stay the entire two years but they are not obligated to remain, said Miller.

"[Volunteers] leave early for medical reasons or they have significant others they miss or it's just not their cup of tea," Miller said. "It's not like a dishonorable discharge or anything."

Melanie Alexander, a senior, is looking forward to her assignment in January of 2001.

"They haven't found a placement for me yet because I have asthma and there's only a couple places in Africa and South America where I can go," Alexander said. "It's definitely exciting, but nerve-wracking too. I look at it as just an unbeatable experience."



Alexander, a psychology major, will be serving in a personal health care capacity.

"I would be in a very rural area educating women about breast cancer or AIDS or healthy pregnancy," Alexander said.

Jeffrey Pollin, a 1990 MWC graduate, is leaving for Cameroon in June to teach French. Pollin had visited Africa for three weeks on vacation before he decided to join the Peace Corps.

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## Speaker Says Female Circumcision is Outdated

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Many women in Africa and Middle Eastern countries are forced to undergo a mutilation ritual involving slicing and sometimes sewing of their sexual organs before being allowed to wed. This ritual of female circumcision is also known as female genital mutilation (FGM).

Lee Hall Ballroom guest speaker Layli Miller Bashir discussed FGM and human rights Tuesday night March 28 in a lecture sponsored by COAR, Council of Community Values and the Multicultural Center in honor of Women's History Month and hosted by English professor Marie McAllister.

Bashir took the podium After an introduction by Assistant Dean of the Multicultural Center Ametia Vashee.

"I believe that we as a society are ever advancing," Bashir said. "While some people would dispute this, we are constantly challenging systems of thought."

She then explained her theory that for much of human history we have lived in a wartime system. During this period things such as feelings and opinions were not discussed.

Now that we are far enough removed from large-scale involvement in a war, she said, things are changing within power and economic structures.

Bashir said that one of the trends involves a feminization of things such as structures within the workplace and government, clarifying that feminine does not equal female. So-called "feminine" traits are qualities that are culturally gendered as female.

She said that she believes that humanity has made progress, we still have a ways to go.

"We are at a stage of adolescence without fully mature emotional capabilities," Bashir said. "I think that, until we achieve the equality of women and men, world peace will not be attained."

Bashir became interested in women's rights after high school graduation when she visited Gambia in West Africa. She observed how women were forced to fully cover their bodies and undergo female circumcision.

Later on during her attendance at American Universities Law School Bashir became involved as an advocate for an African immigrant seeking asylum in the United States because of the threat of FGM. The young girl, Fazia, inspired Bashir to write her first book entitled "Do They Hear You When You Cry?"

Bashir explained, in detail, the events that followed Fazia's journey to the U.S.

When she arrived in United States Fazia had no due process rights and Bashir said she was "interrogated, handcuffed, and shackled" and forced to spend her 18th and 19th birthdays in prison.

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Author Layli Bashir says humanity is in its adolescence. Corey Byrnes/Bullet



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However, many potential recipients must wait for, not only a donor organ, but for one that matches their body's chemistry and blood type.

According to the UNOS, a new name is added to the waiting list every 16 minutes. Potential organ recipients are prioritized by urgency, age and strength and categorized by compatibility.

Sophomore Jamie Spencer is a blood organ donor.

"You have to get the right person. It can be iffy," Spencer said. He said he's not exactly sure why he's a donor. "It seemed like I could help someone," he said.

The human body's natural immune response is to reject anything that is foreign to it, including new organs. Because of new immunosuppressive drugs, more transplants can be successful because they suppress the response of the immune system.

According to UNOS, there is a 76 percent three-year survival rate for kidney transplant recipients.

Still, rejections are possible for anyone who has undergone a transplant. Currently, there is a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee that would amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend time limits on Medicare coverage for immunosuppressive drugs.

There is also a bill in front of the Senate that would award congressional medals to organ donors, posthumously. The Organ Donor and Procurement Network (ODPN) is supporting the bill to award "Gift of Life" medals in the hopes that it would encourage Americans to sign their donor cards.

According to the ODPN, their are over 68,000 people in the United States currently awaiting transplant.

For more information about organ donation, please visit the United Network for Organ Sharing on the Internet at [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org).



# Serving Time

Mary Washington Graduates Make a Difference in the Peace Corps

By LINA PENALOSA  
Assistant Features Editor

His first night in an African village, Austin Merrill laid awake in his tin-roof, concrete-walled room on a sliver of plastic-woven rug. Wrapped in a sheet, like a larva in a cocoon, Merrill fought a panic attack while the sweat poured out, roaches began scurrying and mosquitoes buzzed in his ears.

Merrill, a Peace Corps volunteer, began his stay in Cote d'Ivoire believing he had made a serious mistake and left two years later missing his new home.

"I was thinking, 'I don't know how I can stay here for two years,'" Merrill said. "I had a huge, huge panic attack, but my hardest day in Africa was the day I left. I had to say good-bye to all my friends. The men were out playing tom-tom drums and the women were dancing. It was really hard."

The Peace Corps, founded in 1961, currently has 7,000 volunteers and trainees. Serving 134 countries in more than 37 years, their mission has been to provide foreign countries with trained men and women to meet their needs, to promote a better understanding of Americans and a better understanding of the peoples served.

According to Terence Miller, a Peace Corps recruiter, this year Mary Washington College was ranked fifth in the nation among colleges with less than 5,000 undergraduates for their number of volunteers. MWC had 19 volunteers this year, while the top college in this category, American University, had 40.

Merrill, a 1990 MWC graduate, says the number has significantly increased since he applied in 1993.

"I wasn't even expecting to get in because I heard all these crazy stats, like 20,000 apply and only 3,000 get in," Merrill said.

According to a Peace Corps brochure, admission is competitive but recruiters will work to help potential volunteers gain the skills and experiences to qualify for an assignment.

Approximately 60 percent of the volunteers are generalists. This includes majors in sociology, anthropology, history, political science and other fields.

Volunteers should also have at least a rudimentary knowledge of agriculture or community service.

More than three-fourths of the volunteers have a college degree. According to the Peace Corps website 82 percent have undergraduate degrees and 13 percent have graduate degrees.

Merrill, former assistant dean of admissions of MWC, says it is a tough transition to move from the U.S. into an underdeveloped country, but that the Peace Corps works hard to prepare you for it.

Volunteers spend three months in their host countries learning the local customs and language before they begin their two-year commitments.

"[My experience was] none whatsoever," Merrill said. "I was a history major and the only relevant experience was a summer job in construction. When we got off the truck for the first time I remember thinking, 'I've got to spend two years here, it's hot and I just want to go to sleep.'"

Merrill recalls the culture shock his first day in his designated village on the Ivory Coast. Nothing, he says, can really prepare you for what you'll experience.

"The road was lined with women and children from town," Merrill said. "They just stopped and stared at me, their mouths dropped open in shock and the shock turned to fear. [The children] started screaming and crying, trying to hide behind their mother's skirts. I'm white and over six feet tall. I think it was probably very startling."

While there was no running water in Merrill's concrete home, he did have electricity and a private latrine and shower. "I had a two room apartment with a light bulb in each of the rooms," Merrill said. "I had to walk about 50 yards to get to the shower and latrine which was just a squat hole in a concrete slab. [The showers] were actually really nice because I would wait until it was dark and a woman in the village would heat [a bucket of] water for me and I would look out at the stars."

Merrill says a volunteer needs about two years in their



The Peace Corps' educates both volunteers and those they serve.



host countries to accomplish their goals. "The first year you really learn your job and the second year you become efficient," Miller said.

According to the Peace Corps there are six areas where a volunteer can serve. Education is the most common with 40 percent of the volunteers. The others include environment, 17 percent, health, 18 percent, business, 13 percent and agriculture with 9 percent.

Most volunteers stay the entire two years but they are not obligated to remain, said Miller.

"[Volunteers] leave early for medical reasons or they have significant others they miss or it's just not their cup of tea," Miller said. "It's not like a dishonorable discharge or anything."

Melanie Alexander, a senior, is looking forward to her assignment in January of 2001.

"They haven't found a placement for me yet because I have asthma and there's only a couple places in Africa and South America where I can go," Alexander said. "It's definitely exciting, but nerve-racking too. I look at it as just an unbeatable experience."

Alexander, a psychology major, will be serving in a personal health care capacity.

"I would be in a very rural area educating women about breast cancer or AIDS or healthy pregnancy," Alexander said.

Jeffrey Pollin, a 1990 MWC graduate, is leaving for Cameroon in June to teach French. Pollin had visited Africa for three weeks on vacation before he decided to join the Peace Corps.

"I wanted to do something hands-on, to make an impact on the world," Pollin said. "That's something you can't do in northern Virginia."



Author Layli Bashir says humanity is in its adolescence. Corey Byrnes/Bulletin

## Speaker Says Female Circumcision is Outdated

By MATT WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Many women in Africa and Middle Eastern countries are forced to undergo a mutilation ritual involving slicing and sometimes sewing of their sexual organs before being allowed to wed. This ritual of female circumcision is also known as female genital mutilation (FGM).

Lee Hall Ballroom guest speaker Layli Miller Bashir discussed FGM and human rights Tuesday night March 28 in a lecture sponsored by COAR, Council of Community Values and the Multicultural Center in honor of Women's History Month and hosted by English professor Marie McAllister.

Bashir took the podium After an introduction by Assistant Dean of the Multicultural Center Ameeta Vashee.

"I believe that we as a society are ever advancing," Bashir said. "While some people would dispute this, we are constantly challenging systems of thought."

She then explained her theory that for much of human history we have lived in a wartime system. During this period things such as feelings and opinions were not discussed.

Now that we are far enough removed from large-scale involvement in a war, she said, things are changing within power and economic structures.

Bashir said that one of the trends involves a feminization of things such as structures within the workplace and government, clarifying that feminine does not equal female. So-called "feminine" traits are qualities that are culturally gendered as female.

She said that she believes that humanity has made progress, we still have a ways to go.

"We are at a stage of adolescence without fully mature emotional capabilities," Bashir said. "I think that, until we achieve the equality of women and men, world peace will not be attained."

Bashir became interested in women's rights after high school graduation when she visited Gambia in West Africa. She observed how women were forced to fully cover their bodies and undergo female circumcision.

Later on during her attendance at American Universities Law School Bashir became involved as an advocate for an African immigrant seeking asylum in the United States because of the threat of FGM. The young girl, Fadia, inspired Bashir to write her first book entitled "Do They Hear You When You Cry?"

Bashir explained, in detail, the events that followed Fadia's journey to the U.S.

When she arrived in United States Fadia had no process rights and Bashir said she was "interrogated, handcuffed, and shackled" and forced to spend her 18th and 19th birthdays in prison.

"We have a ways to go," Bashir said.

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# Sports

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## schedules

### Track & Field

Apr. 1: Captain's Classic at Newport News, Va., 9 a.m.

### Baseball

Mar. 30: at St. Mary's, TBA.  
Mar. 31: vs. Greensboro, 3 p.m.  
Apr. 1: vs. Gallaudet, 1 p.m.  
Apr. 2: at Catholic, 1 p.m.  
Apr. 4: vs. Bridgewater, 3 p.m.  
Apr. 5: at Shenandoah, 3 p.m.

### Softball

Apr. 1: at Chowan (DH), 1 p.m.  
Apr. 4: at Gallaudet (DH), 3 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

Mar. 31: vs. Salisbury State, 3:30 p.m.  
Apr. 2: at Averett, 11 a.m.  
Apr. 5: at St. Mary's, 3:30 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

Mar. 31: at Franklin & Marshall, 3:30 p.m.  
Apr. 2: vs. Bucknell, 1 p.m.  
Apr. 5: at Georgetown, 3:30 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

Apr. 1: vs. Goucher, 1 p.m.  
Apr. 4: at St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 31: at Villa Julie, 4 p.m.  
Apr. 1: at College of New Jersey, 1 p.m.  
Apr. 4: vs. Marymount, 4:30 p.m.

### Riding

Apr. 2: at William & Mary, 11 a.m.

## scores

### Baseball

Mar. 24: Ferrum 9 MWC 8  
Mar. 26: MWC 3 Catholic 0

### Softball

Mar. 29: MWC 3 Catholic 0  
Catholic 1 MWC 0

### Men's Lacrosse

Mar. 23: MWC 7 Catholic 5  
Mar. 25: MWC 14 York 6  
Mar. 28: Wesley 10 York 8

### Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 23: MWC 21 Catholic 9  
Mar. 25: MWC 16 Washington & Lee 6  
Mar. 29: MWC 15 Goucher 2

### Men's Tennis

Mar. 26: MWC 7 Mount St. Mary's 0  
Mar. 26: MWC 7 Longwood 0

### Women's Tennis

Mar. 26: MWC 8 Mount St. Mary's 1  
Mar. 26: MWC 8 Longwood 1



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Lucas Salzman pole vaults at the Battleground last weekend.

## athlete of the week

### Erik Dorman Baseball

Junior Erik Dorman pitched a complete game shutout last Sunday as the Eagles defeated Catholic 3-0 to keep them tied for first place in the CAC. Dorman gave up only four hits, walking none and striking out 10.

# Star Centerfielder Bumped Off Team

By GEOFF WHITE  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tad St. Clair's MWC baseball career came to an abrupt end after a heated argument with Coach Tom Sheridan turned physical. St. Clair, a junior, has been a starting outfielder for the past three years for the Eagles.

Before the Eagles game against Villa Julie on March 4, St. Clair and then-coach Tom Sheridan got into a verbal argument. The argument culminated into a physical confrontation when St. Clair bumped Sheridan with his chest.

"It was like an umpire and a coach going at it," St. Clair said.

When that happened, according to St. Clair, he was thrown off the team.

"In any other situation in the United States if someone is treating you badly you have the right to stand up for yourself and to say that I have had enough," St. Clair said.

Sheridan would not comment on specifics of the incident.

"It is an internal team matter and we would like to leave it at that," Sheridan said.

The loss of St. Clair on the field will mean the loss of one of the Eagles' best all-around

players. In 1998 he was a first team all-CAC selection and last year he was named to the second team all-CAC squad. Even though he was off to a bad start in 2000, only batting .172, he was still playing well in centerfield. St. Clair's career average was .323 and he also had a .494 slugging percentage.

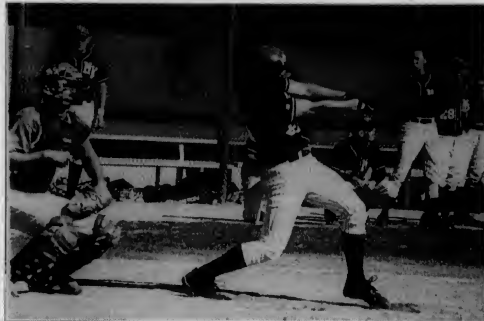
"We will miss his presence on the field, but we do know that he was at fault in this instance," said a team member who wished to remain anonymous. "We miss having him around, but he shouldn't have done what he did."

According to St. Clair it was very difficult to play for Sheridan.

"He has to realize that he takes away the love of the game from us and it is very taxing for a college student to keep up with that."

A former MWC player who was also a teammate of St. Clair who wished to remain anonymous agreed with St. Clair.

"I think Coach Sheridan holds so much from his players and he has such expectations and sometimes when the players don't reach those expectations he can get a little antagonistic and that seemed to result in a confrontation every time," he said. "Sometimes as a player you feel the pressure



Diana May/Bullet

Tad St. Clair has played his last game for the MWC baseball team.

and some can handle it but some [players] cannot."

St. Clair also said that many of his former teammates share his feelings, but would not look out for him.

"It bothers me when other players complain about Sheridan and then when I actually did something about it they didn't stand up for me," said St. Clair. "In the end he has the power over all of us."



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Jen McLaughlin (left) takes a handoff from Natalie Alexander.

## Eagle Track Teams Run Through Records

By RYAN HAMM  
Staff Writer

The MWC home crowd surrounded the track, cheering the men's 4x800 team as they held off the competition and broke a school record, placing second with a time of 7:52.20.

"I could feel the crowd cheering us on," said senior Brian Roberts, who anchored the relay with teammates senior Jim Dlugasch and sophomores Travis Jones and Dan Greene.

The team broke the school record by five seconds. "We really didn't think we had a legitimate chance at breaking it, but we came together and did it," Jones said.

Since the meet wasn't scored, neither team placed but the Eagles took the opportunity to find out more about their competition.

"Saturday was a good day for us because we got our first look at all of our competition in the conference which will help us be prepared for the conference meet," said junior team tri-captain Candy Bush.

In only their second meet of the season, the men's and women's track teams accomplished many team and individual goals this past weekend in the Battleground Relays, with the men's 4x800 relay, record-breaking team topping off the list.

The meet, which lasted two days, gave the athletes

a good chance to prove what they have trained hard for all indoor and outdoor season on their home turf. "The entire team competed really well," Jones said.

Senior team captain Mike Privett led the men's team in the competition, breaking the school record in the hammer throw by three inches with a first place finish and winning the men's discus competition.

"Going in, the hammer record was the one thing I really had my sights on this weekend, so I was really excited about that," Privett said.

Freshman Eric Kochert also joined in the record breaking in the triple jump, placing second overall, but setting an MWC record.

"The competition was really strong, so I was really happy with my performance," Kochert said.

Another freshman standout from the men's team was Bobby Bergin who, as usual, dominated the competition in the high jump, placing second with a jump of six feet six inches.

"It was great because the jumping competition was really strong and I enjoy jumping against guys who push you to the limit," said Bergin. "By a couple more meets from now I should be able to qualify for nationals in the event," Bergin said.

In the hurdle competition, junior team tri-captain

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## Women's Lacrosse Defeats Goucher 15-12

Junior Bridget Geiman Scores Five Goals

By JEFF GRAHAM  
Assistant Sports Editor

With Saturday's showdown against the top-ranked College of New Jersey drawing ever closer, the MWC women's lacrosse team almost got caught looking past CAC power Goucher yesterday. Almost.

After a first half in which the two teams played to a draw, the Eagles stuck to their guns and shot down any plans Goucher had for an upset at the Battleground. MWC (7-0, 2-0 CAC) scored the first four goals in the second half and the team held on for dear life at the end, winning their second conference game 15-12.

"We're the number five team in the nation," said MWC lacrosse coach Dana Hall. "We are a team that everyone is looking to beat."

From the start, Goucher (4-2, 2-2 CAC) proved it was ready to give the Eagles all they could handle. Already leading 2-1, Goucher attacker Lauren Manekin would give her team a two-goal cushion at 27:18. Manekin sprinted 30 yards up the field and through the MWC defense before beating Eagles' goalkeeper senior Heather Carter through the five-hole. MWC went on to score the next three goals, with sophomore midfielder Briana Gervat putting the Eagles up 4-3 with 20:52 left in the half.

MWC and Goucher would continue to rally back and forth with neither team gaining a distinct advantage. With a 6-6 halftime score, the Eagles needed fine tuning before retaking the field.

"I told them we need to play with skill and patience," said Hall. "We made good adjustments."

Though the first five minutes of the second half went scoreless, senior Diane Grimm scored for MWC with 25 minutes left on the clock. Grimm's was the first of four consecutive goals scored by the Eagles in the next four minutes. With the score 10-6 and the Eagles now having all of the momentum, Goucher's Stephanie Kaplan would stop the bleeding with a goal at 19:31 to pull her team within three goals.

MWC, however, would score five out of the next seven goals to extend their lead to 15-9 with only 2:51 remaining. Although Goucher ended up scoring three quick goals within a 28 second span to make the score 15-12 with 1:29 left, the Eagles were able to gain control of the ball in their offensive zone and run out the clock.

Being MWC's toughest test to date, the team showed why they are ranked fifth in the nation in the latest Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Poll.

"I never doubted that we wouldn't win the game," said Hall. "It was nasty and ugly looking. We won, that is all the matters."

Top scorers for the Eagles on the day were junior attacker Bridget Geiman, who struck out five times and two assists. Grimm and Gervat scored three goals apiece to lead midfielders. Manekin had four goals for Goucher.

After facing Villa Julie on Friday, MWC will most likely take an undefeated record to face the number one ranked College of New Jersey, last year's NCAA Division III champion. Everyone is looking forward to a war.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Bridget Geiman dominated Goucher on Wednesday, scoring five goals and two assists.



# The Recruiting Game: An Athlete's Perspective

Second In A Two-Part Series On The Recruiting Process At Mary Washington College

By KRISTY LEONARD  
Staff Writer

While recruiting might seem like a tedious and extensive process for coaches, athletes have a far different experience. Students being recruited are on the receiving end of phone calls, letters, campus tours and meetings. Prospective athletes welcome special attention from coaches interested in their talent on the playing field.

Sometimes students just receive a phone call or a letter. Many athletes stay overnight with the team they might join and are shown around the college and facilities by team members trying the recruit the new student.

Freshman Bree Heyne had a rather stormy experience during her recruiting visit. Sophomore Bridget White, who hosted Heyne, recalled a huge storm at MWC the weekend Heyne visited.

"All of the sudden we all looked in the sky and saw this huge green storm cloud," said White. "Tree branches were falling and then hail started pouring down. That was an exciting experience and it was hilarious because everyone just tore off in all directions."

Despite the storm, Heyne decided to come to MWC.

"Poor Bree was from California and she had never seen a thunder storm like that before," said White. "I can't even imagine what she must have been thinking when running for her life back to the dorm."

Andy Dunn, a sophomore on the baseball team, was the recipient of a few phone calls and then visited the campus before deciding to come here.

"They do a good job of recruiting, about half of our team is from out of state," said Dunn.

After being recruited by other schools, Dunn says the coach's interest in him was what helped him to make his decision.

"When I talked to the coach he [Tom Sheridan] was very polite and he did seem more interested than the other coaches I visited," Dunn said.

Ryan Kenna, a sophomore who plays basketball for MWC, started being recruited by coach Rod Wood the summer before his senior year in high school.

"Coach Wood came to one of my all-star games from a summer league the summer before my senior year," said Kenna, who went to high school at Robert E. Lee, in Springfield, Va. "Then he called some and sent letters as well. Then my senior year he came to just about every home game of mine, not really every home game, but a lot of home games anyway. So finally after my senior season of basketball, Coach Wood wanted me to come down for a visit. When I came down, he had me play some pick up games with the guys on the team."

Kenna came to MWC only after transferring from VMI.

"When I was being recruited here, my twin brother was too and I got in but he did not," says Kenna. "I really wanted to go to the same school with him so we ended up going to VMI to play basketball and golf. Then, once basketball ended, it turned out that the [golf] coach at VMI was terrible and a jerk, so I contacted Coach Wood. I asked him if he was still interested in me playing for him. He was very excited and said yeah. So, I had to reapply and I got accepted again, so I transferred."

Ken McLaughlin, a sophomore on the track and field team, went through the recruiting process with coach Stan Soper.

"I filled out a form that asked if I was



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Andy Dunn and many other athletes at MWC come from out of state.

interested in any of the athletic programs and I checked cross country and track, said McLaughlin.

MWC's campus was appealing to McLaughlin, but she says the level of competition is something that really drew her to the athletic program.

"In high school you have athletes that are prospective Division I athletes. Here, everyone is working together to improve their time," McLaughlin said.

Kurt Thurber, a junior and assistant sports editor of The Bulletin, had a particularly unique experience while being recruited by the University of Delaware.

"The University of Delaware coach was recruiting two or three guys from our team

and happened to see me play one of my best games ever and told me I had potential as a walk-on. I got invited for a campus visit. While on my campus tour, my church-going mother stepped on a used condom, which she still does not know to this day," he said.

Despite the potential of making the team as a walk on, Thurber decided not to attend the University of Delaware.

"To top my visit off, when I got to the coach's office he told me I would not make the program any better by playing on the team, but he could see me starting by my junior year. I think I showed him by never playing in a college game," Thurber said.

## Men's Lacrosse Wins Two In A Row

By KURT THURBER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The MWC men's lacrosse team finally got to savor the sweet taste of victory this past week. They defeated two conference foes, managing to win two out of their previous three games to improve their record to 2-5 for the season.

On Thursday March 23 the Eagles won their first game of the season with a 7-5 defensive struggle with CAC opponent Catholic University. Sophomores Will Gunther, Brian Paice and freshman Randy Fulk each had two goals. Freshman John Snellinger scored his first collegiate goal and senior captain Ryan Lynch dished out three assists as the Eagles ended their four game slide to begin the season.

"Anytime you get your first win you can take a deep breath" said J.B. Hodgson, junior defenseman and co-captain.

The Eagles extended their winning streak to two games with a 14-6 shellacking of another CAC foe, York College. They traveled to Pennsylvania on Saturday as the win gave the Eagles .500 record in the Capital Athletic Conference at 2-2.

"While Catholic was the first win, York was a full game," Hodgson said.

Unfortunately, that is where the Eagles momentum ended as they lost a tough road game to Wesley College on Tuesday, 10-8. The Eagles will look to rebound and improve to a winning record in the CAC when they battle Goucher College this Saturday at 1:30.

## Intramural Athletes Fight For The Free Shirts

Commentary By KURT THURBER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Blood, sweat, hangovers and no uniforms: this is the lot of intramural athletes. They gather on a patch of grass more suited for the storage of construction equipment, all the while sharing a myriad of colorful, sweat drenched pinnies in order to capture or recapture athletic glory.

The student body at MWC comes together to compete with each other despite the academic rigors of the twelfth best college buy in the U.S., part-time jobs and weekend nights in the endless party that is Fredericksburg. There are so many things to do at MWC, yet a large portion of our student body decides to risk bodily harm and, in some cases, chafing to participate in intramural activities.

Perhaps, it is to win the ultimate prize life has to offer: an extra-large, one-size-fits-all, beefy Hanes T-shirt that is a comfortable 90% cotton, 10% polyester blend and when it is not used to enhance your wardrobe, it is a great picker-upper for a variety of spilled beverages. These are essential items for any MWC student as they come in a variety of colors (I am a huge fan of the old school brown/olive with the giant Eagle head). If students don't play solely for the T-shirts, then why?

"It is always fun to play sports with your friends even if your team is really bad," said Diane Bounds.

Bounds, a sophomore said, "It gave me something to do on Sundays."

Mike Sellers, a junior, who would like to work as a Spanish translator for the U.N. or at a financial services

firm has nothing but positive things to say about intramurals.

"It has benefited me in many ways," said Sellers, who lists watching basketball and the stock market as his hobbies (Ladies he is single). "It is fun to play in a competitive situation with your friends with it still being fun and I will always be able to tell people I played with Jay Mahoney."

As a junior political science major, Catherine Margeton needs any stress reliever she can find.

"I used to play basketball in grade and high school, I really like the people I play with and I like being on the team, last year's team became really close," said Margeton. "It is a chance to keep playing a sport I love."

Mahoney, a senior transfer from the Long Island area, likens the intramural program to a highly tuned automobile, perhaps a Dodge Neon.

"It runs like a well-oiled machine," Mahoney said. "It's fun and I like the feeling of watching Geoff White laugh when we lose to his team."

Junior Becky Gibbons plays intramurals for her sanity.

"I have played sports all my life, said Gibbons. "I have to do something athletic, sporty everyday to get the nervous energy out."

Another great reason to play, along with the T-shirt and camaraderie, is director of campus recreation, John Macdonald, who is the straw that stirs the drink when it comes to intramurals on this campus. Macdonald is a native of our neighbor to the north, Canada (however, I did not hear one "eh" during our interview). He spent five years at Northwestern University in Chicago



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Mike Privett (#8) and John Buchanan (#22) look on from the foul line.

before coming to Fredericksburg.

"It is a release for everybody studying for exams if they have a game," said Macdonald, who is finishing his seventh year at MWC. "They can look forward to seeing their friends. It is a unique situation, people that have met through organizing a team and kept their friends throughout school."

Macdonald still wants to continue to improve intramurals though.

"The big goal is to get everybody to play," he said. "Students can also be a referee, be a program supervisor or a scorekeeper. We have 17 aerobics programs and just started a class for the faculty. I am trying to get more women to play, we do not have a lot of women coming out. We tried field hockey and had four teams but we would like eight or ten teams like we

have for guys soccer."

Macdonald has found his direct involvement with the student body at MWC extremely rewarding.

"I work with 20 to 25 people as program supervisors; it is fun to see how they turn out when we keep in touch," he said.

In the end there are plenty of reasons to play an intramural sport: friends, the chance to get more MWC apparel, stress relief, or the sweet, sweet aroma of an unwashed pinnie.

Ultimately, the best reason to play intramural athletics here at MWC, despite all my malarkey in this moderately crafted commentary, is best stated by Macdonald.

"It's free."

## Eagle Tennis Teams Still Serving Up Aces

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH  
Staff Writer

MWC's men's and women's tennis teams are virtually unstoppable. At least, that is what it looked like to teams from Longwood and Mount St. Mary's. Both the MWC men's and women's teams convincingly defeated them both in a doubleheader Sunday afternoon. The men's team won both of their matches 7-0, and the women's team won both of theirs 8-1.

"There was no drama as far as the team results went. We pretty much knew we were in control," said men's coach Todd Helbling.

Freshman Connor Smith, the number three seed on the men's team, had the hardest day on the team as he dropped the first set to his opponent from Longwood 4-6. But he came back and won the next two sets 6-4, 6-0.

Senior Tim Martin, the number one seed on the team, looked to be in for a tough singles match against his Mount St. Mary's opponent as he dropped the first set 4-6, but his opponent suffered an ankle injury and was forced to retire.

The women's team dropped a doubles match against Longwood to take only a 2-1 lead after the doubles. The women's team quickly rebounded as they swept Longwood to take an 8-1 victory.

Junior Ashley Roeting, MWC's fifth seed, had the toughest singles match of the day for the women's team. She won her match against

Longwood in two tiebreakers, 7-6, 7-6.

These wins allowed the women's record to improve to 7-3 for the year. The men improved to 9-0.

"The factor in our wins this weekend was that we had more talent and depth overall than our opponents," said senior Jay Nelson.

MWC's wins are even more impressive when considering their opponents. Mount St. Mary's is a Division I school, while Longwood is a Division II school.

"We were happy to get two solid wins," said women's coach Cindy Vander Burg, whose team had dropped two matches in a row before the weekend. "They were decent teams. They were nice wins."

This past weekend men's match against Christopher Newport University was postponed due to inclement weather. This sets the stage for the men's upcoming home match against Salisbury State this Friday. Salisbury State is currently ranked 16th in the country and fourth in the South region.

The women's team also plays Friday in an away match at Franklin & Marshall. If the team wins, their ranking should increase to fourth in the South region. If MWC loses, their ranking in the South is projected to be around fifth or sixth. A victory will also allow MWC to obtain the top seed in the upcoming Capital Athletic Conference tournament.

## Eagles Score High Marks At Home Meet

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Mike Merker placed second in the 400 hurdles and in distance events junior team tri-captain Alex Addison placed second in the 5000.

As a whole the women's team was not as impressive as the men's, although they had several individual standouts in the competition.

Senior Yurissa Mitchell won the triple jump, followed closely by senior tri-captain Kim Alvis who placed second. But the tables turned in the long jump competition, as Alvis placed first and Mitchell placed

second.

The two women's distance medley relay teams dominated the event, placing second and third.

In individual distance events, senior tri-captain Natalie Alexander won the 1500 meters, followed closely by sophomore Dana Foltz who placed third.

"We practice together everyday so I tried to work with her and stay up with her and we worked off each other," Foltz said.



Track & Field Schedule:

Apr. 7-8: at Duke, TBA

Apr. 15: CAC Championships, 10:30 a.m.

Apr. 22: at Virginia Tech, TBA.

May 6: at George Mason, 11 a.m.

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**Jimmy Fallon and his troll cracked the audience up in Dodd Auditorium.**

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▼ **Thurs., March 30:**  
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▼ **Thurs., March 30:**  
**Bible Study.** Ambassadors for Christ Bible Study in Red Room of Campus Center. 8 p.m. For Info, call x4218. Free.

▼ **Fri., March 31:**  
**BBQ.** "Grill on the Hill." Marshall Hall Hill, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Dance in 2nd floor lounge of Marshall Hall, 9 p.m. - 1 p.m. Boon will be spinning live! Use your meal or flex for the BBQ. \$4 for dance.

## top ten movies

- 1) Erin Brockovich
- 2) Romeo Must Die
- 3) Final Destination
- 4) Mission to Mars
- 5) Here on Earth
- 6) Whatever it Takes
- 7) American Beauty
- 8) My Dog Skip
- 9) Cider House Rules
- 10) The Whole Nine Yards

**Opening This Weekend:** "High Fidelity," starring John Cusack. "The Skulls," starring Joshua Jackson and Paul Walker.

source: <http://us.imdb.com>

## Quote of the Week:

"I am so in love with my brother right now."

—Angelina Jolie during her Oscar acceptance speech

# SNL's Jimmy Fallon Has Them Rolling In Aisles

By JULIE STAVITSKI  
Staff Writer

"So, Mary Washington, huh?" Jimmy Fallon said to the audience in Dodd Auditorium. He scratches his head and peers around as a grin spreads across his face. "God, what a beautiful campus. And you know, I don't think I've ever seen so many happy guys in one place before!"

Over 500 students showed up in Dodd Auditorium on Sunday night to see the "Saturday Night Live" cast member in all of his glory. Students were lined up outside the hall as early as 6 p.m. to get good seats, even though the show wasn't slated to begin until 8:30 p.m.

Inside, members of the Giant Productions committee ran around getting in place for the show. Onstage, a lone stool sat next to a microphone and open guitar case.

Around 8:45, the audience was clamoring, ready for the show.

Fallon strutted onstage with a troll doll in one hand and a bottle of water in the other. He placed the doll on the stool, cleared his throat, and began his bit.

"All right, I'm Jimmy Fallon and we're having auditions for Troll Productions," he said in a British accent and then proceeded to launch into dead on impressions of celebrities, all pitching for the troll doll.

"These things don't even have pants on!" He said in the snotty voice of Jerry Seinfeld, pulling up the troll's shirt. "What's the deal with that?"

The New York native has been a cast member of SNL for the last two seasons, featured on the show's "Weekend Update" segment, strumming his guitar and singing his own lyrics.

Coordinator Dani Williams, a senior, said that she's wanted to get Fallon last year, but couldn't, so she made a point to get him this year during his break from SNL.

Fallon said SNL was a dream come true for him.

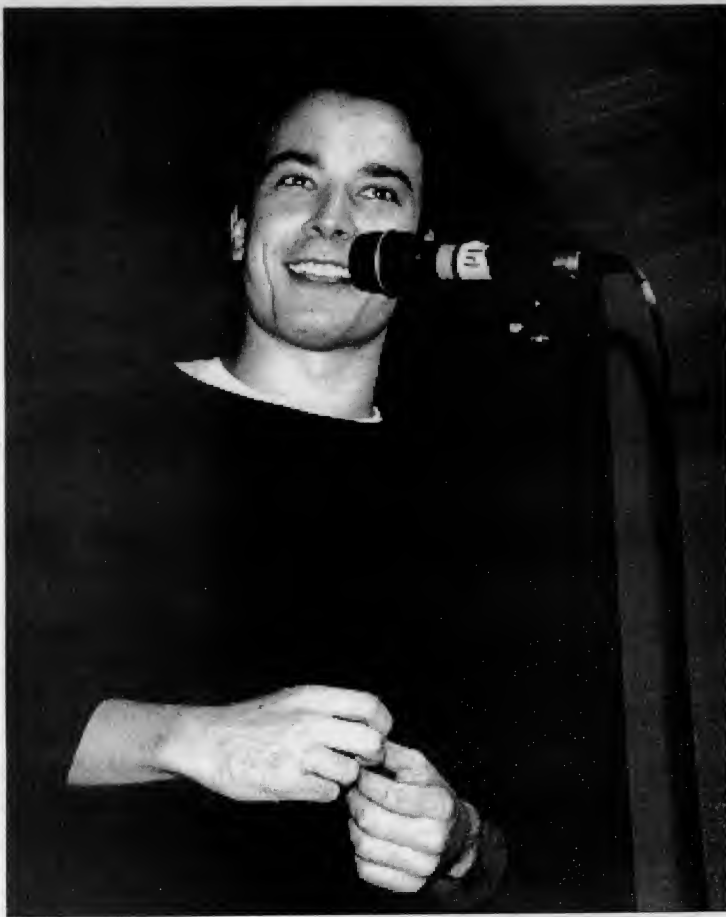
"Ever since I was eight, all I ever wanted to do was be on SNL," Fallon said after the show. "Dana Carvey (a former cast member) was like an inspiration, his impressions were amazing... I had this dream that one day Lorne Michaels was gonna call me up and say 'Hey Jimmy, Dana's sick, we need you to do the Church Lady tonight.'" He grinned and said, "Right!"

Fallon continued on the topic of impressions.

"One of my very first impressions was Pee-wee Herman," Fallon said. "I mean, that was the first one I got dead on. Later, I was in a comedy contest and did the Troll bit for about a minute... I won first place, so I decided to keep going with it."

Fallon has been playing guitar since he was 15 years old, and decided to showcase his talent for those in Dodd on Sunday. He pulled out his guitar and began to sing "Travelin' Cowboy," a composition of his that he had sung with Tom Petty on "Weekend Update."

"My ass is too skinny, but my belt buckle's



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Jimmy Fallon of Saturday Night Live entertained an audience of 500 in Dodd Auditorium Sunday, March 26.

fat and I'm a travelin' cowboy-but I'm really a cashier at Wal-Mart," he crooned into the microphone. At this, people were rolling in the aisles.

In addition, Fallon's material about real life, especially college, was right on the money.

"Roommates-ugh, that's an adventure," he said, shaking his head. "The thing about

college is you gotta learn how to put up with people and their crap all day."

Fallon studied at St. Rose's, a small college in New York, where he was a computer science major with a minor in communications. He had his bases covered in case his dream wasn't going to come true. "You know, my junior year of college, I took a test to become a mailman," Fallon said.

"You know, just for the hell of it. And I passed and was offered a job! So now I know that if this doesn't work out, I can always go back and be a mailman!"

"You're not ready for anything full in college," he proclaimed to the audience. "Instead of a full oven range, you get a hot

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## PAC Leaves 'Lasting Impressions'

By JANICE DUNCAN  
Staff Writer

The Performing Arts Club celebrated five decades of the MWC Dance Company with its spring performance. "Lasting Impressions," which many dancers and audience members are calling one of the club's most professional performances.

"The level of choreography, costuming, lighting and dancing was more developed in this show," said senior Amanda Jordan, a dancer and choreographer. "It really shows we've been learning."

Tricia McClintock, senior and audience member, said, "You can see all the dancers' hard work putting everything together by themselves."

New additions to this semester's show, such as more intricately crafted costumes and the special effects of a fog machine, added to the professional look of the performance, according to some of the dancers.

"The costumes this semester were more diverse than in the past," said sophomore club member Katie Jantzi.

The show started with "Above the Clouds and Below the Stars," a piece choreographed by junior Amanda Hedleston for two high school friends.

Hedleston explained the dance's significance.

"We were concerned things would change when she and her friends left [for college], but they didn't," she said.

"Flirtatious," choreographed by Mary Schmotzer, had a prom dance feel to it. The slow pace that began the piece quickened with a peppy tune as seductive woman tried to woo two men from their girlfriends.

"Burst Into Song and Unwind" was aptly named as the dancers rushed in in a flurry of

colors with bright streamers in their hair. With large smiles on their faces they leaped around the stage in sharp contrast to the somber aura of the preceding dance. The piece was choreographed by junior Dominique Pastre, who got the idea for the dance from a Phish show.

The tone of the evening flipped to a classical note for "Diamond Shadows." Two dancers entered in white dresses with flowing white material shadowed by two other dancers in replica black dresses.

The stage was flooded with twelve dancers for Carla DiCorpo's "Twist of Fate." Again, the stage was lit in red with another burst from the fog machine, which suited the atmosphere. Writting to the rants of KoRn and Tool, the dancers moved with an animalistic quality.

"The lighting is pretty key when the lighting and music are in synch," said Kelly Long, an audience member.

After intermission the curtain was drawn back to reveal a string quartet sitting onstage. They played "Pachelbel" for a dance called "Modernizing," choreographed by Jennifer Rokasky, a sophomore.

"The dancing and music was an interesting combination," said Caroline Winslow, a Pennsylvania resident.

"I Could've Been A Mathematician" set itself apart by featuring

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Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Members of the Performing Arts Club display their talent.



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Senior Eve Sledjeski.

# What One Thing Would You Add To Seacobeck?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Chick-Fil-A because the food at Seacobeck is almost real meat."

-Anna Craff, freshman



"I think it'd be neat if we had an ice cream sundae maker."

-Ryan Thompson, sophomore



"A new air circulation system because I smell like s#!t everytime I leave."

-Peter Liu, senior



"Table dancers, duh!"

-Rob Brown, freshman



"Any food substance that doesn't require ipecac afterwards."

-Abby DeJackome, freshman



By CHANDRA DASGUPTA  
Issues Editor

We laughed, we cried, we saw the twenty-first century open with a bang and a whimper. The battle cry: long live the smaller films. Gone are the days of over-priced, formalized crap. These are the times, and they are a-changin'.

Actually, not to put a damper on expectations, but smaller movies really do well at the Oscars. However, this year's surprises definitely were a longshot by many



Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise.

standards. In the pre-Oscar buzz, I think everyone lost sight of two significant facts about this year's nominations: first, several of the big contenders were made for chump change (by Hollywood standards), and second, the nominations were overrun with first-timers.

In true Femme and Fiend fashion, we will try to distill Oscar's highlights and lowlights to the barest essentials, and give you what can only be defined as the post-Oscar hangover.

**FIEND:** Let's start with fashion. I've noticed that Hollywood women don't know an easy rule: simple is often better. Salma Hayek in a uncomplicated white gown was one of the best-dressed women. Meanwhile, the always lovely Nicole Kidman (complete with sexy glasses!) looked...well, what did she look like?

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Crowe ("The Insider") sit by himself, looking so lonely. I could have gone to him. Much like Fiona Apple did with P.T. Anderson ("Magnolia"). Apple looked like she was taking Anderson's dreadful loss in Best Original Screenplay hard. I was very disappointed with his loss, but I think Apple took it a little too hard. Methinks she was on some pretty strong drugs.

**FIEND:** Methinks so, too. Most varily.

**FEMME:** I'm sorry but Michael Caine ("Cider House") did not deserve Best Supporting Actor. It belonged to Tom Cruise ("Magnolia"). At least Caine was a gracious and benevolent winner; his speech was my favorite. Although, if really weird speeches can count as favorites, maybe I should include Angelina Jolie.

**FIEND:** I liked that she thanked her boyfriend, er, I mean, brother. There's something sketchy-looking about...I'm not going to go into it. I'm glad she won. And back to Caine, I also don't think he deserved the win, but his speech was the best of the whole night. The category was so tough this year and Caine reflected on that, basically saying that he was accepting the award on behalf of all five nominees, instead of accepting it for himself.

**FEMME:** Un-cool speeches included, among others, Warren Beatty's speech for the Thalberg lifetime achievement award. Boring! And he made Annette Bening sound like another object in his collection by calling her his "treasure."

**FIEND:** I felt like some of the speech was quite good. Admittedly, some of it was pretty long, but...well, most of it was pretty hangover.

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**FEMME:** Someone who should have spoke



Hilary Swank, Chad Lowe.

By JAMES MIRABELLO  
Viewpoints Editor

longer was the immaculate John Irving, who won Best Adapted Screenplay for "Cider House." I was expecting a drawn-out, moving speech; instead he kept it short and sweet. And he thanked a pro-choice group in his speech which was still tasteful yet political. **FIEND:** One last note before... **FEMME:** Not that "Green Mile" crap again!

**FIEND:** Shut it, woman! You want a fresh one? **FEMME:** No! Not again, Fiend! No wire hangers!

**FIEND:** Ahem, "The Green Mile" was a good movie, but I want to talk about Michael Clarke Duncan, nominated for Best Supporting Actor for that film. He didn't expect to win, and I don't think he wanted to win. And the look of pure joy on his face when Caine won instead was just a testament to how cool a guy he is. He was having a grand ol' time with him. He wasn't only a hoot; he was a holler.

**FEMME:** He wasn't a hoot or a holler.

**FIEND:** [SMACK] What did I tell you?!

**FEMME:** Anyway, on to the big ones. Kevin Spacey and Denzel Washington both probably deserved Best Actor. I feel like Washington wanted it more, but I'm happy with Spacey winning. I think you bruised me, Fiend.

**FIEND:** Suck it. I'm upset that Denzel didn't win, but I would have been upset if he did, too. Both Spacey and Denzel gave highly personal and possibly career-defining performances. It's a shame that there couldn't have been a tie.

**FEMME:** Everyone knew "American Beauty" was going to win Best Picture, so I'm not going to contest it. However, Sam Mendes should not have won Best Director for "American Beauty." Michael Mann deserved the honor totally for "The Insider." The strength of "The Insider" was its direction, where the strength of "Beauty" was its acting.

**FIEND:** A good point. "American Beauty" was a brilliant film that deserved its awards, especially Best Picture. It was one of those rare gems we get from big studios. In terms of Best Director, I can't argue one way or the other without having seen "The Insider." However, I would have liked Mann to win an Oscar so that he could make that huge epic about Julius Caesar.

**FEMME:** You are such a loser.

**FIEND:** Ooo, well, you're sassy when you're mad.

All in all, this was a pretty good year. Nothing too exciting happened, admittedly. The awards went on too long, were boring in many places, but were overall a great time. Every year, there's going to be awards that should have been won and weren't. Every year, someone will cry that their favorites were cheated and that they will never watch the Oscars again. And every year, we'll all be there to go through the madness all over again.

## Dancers Strut Their Stuff On College Stage.

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non-PAC members. Eight dancers stood motionless as the music began while a horde of people called facilitators entered wearing jeans.

One of them, freshman Patrick Killingsworth, explained the preparations made by choreographer Sarah Lyon.

"She just rounds up a bunch of friends. She told us to come wearing whatever we'd normally wear," Killingsworth said.

The facilitators picked up dancers and positioned them as if they were mannequins. Dancers were carried offstage but slipped back onstage when the jean-clad crowd exited off the other side.

The next piece "Breaking In," choreographed by Sarah Pack, senior and PAC president, was inspired by relationships that she has experienced.

"It was about things I'd been going through since I came to college and it seems they just kept coming up again and again," she said. The piece conveyed the stresses of college relationships through a series of embraces and interactions.

"Whenever You Call," choreographed by

## SNL Comedian Cracks Up Audience In Dodd

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plate...and your freezer! Ben and Jerry's doesn't even fit in there! How about just Ben?"

To end the evening, Fallon brought out his troll doll again. This time, he was looking for a jingle to promote the doll.

So he strapped on his guitar and began to parody the likes of U2, Alanis Morissette and the Counting Crows.

"Mr. Troll and me, walk the streets of Fredericksburg and we're, uh, going over to Santa Fe," Fallon sang to the delight of MWC students. Finally, after wiggling his rear at the audience for his George Michael impression, ran offstage.

But the students would have nothing of it. They clamored for an encore, and after a few minutes, Jimmy ran back onstage and strapped his guitar on for a medley of his spring break tunes, which he had just done the week before on "Weekend Update."

freshman Alonda Etheridge slowed the pace of the show. Etheridge used a song by Mariah Carey and Brian McKnight.

"When I heard the music I thought it would be nice to dance to. I chose dancers that would compliment each other," said Etheridge.

To finish the night off, the dance titled "...?" began with all eight dancers lying down. They danced to the lyrics "Sweet Dreams." There was an almost mechanical element in their movements, which was striking after the previous dance.

"They have created something wonderful with this show," Alumni Josh Hurley-Bruno said.

Pack said that she is proud of the show and the club's success.

"We've had a difficult time because we haven't had the support that the company had. We haven't had benefits of choreography, costuming, and lighting classes that they had," Pack said. "I'm really proud that a club can survive and gain so many new members with the turmoil we've gone through."

Students that had come to the show were extremely impressed with what they had seen.

"He's awesome! I love him on SNL," freshman Kristen Cantwell said. "It was an amazing opportunity to see him in person."

Sophomore Tricia Pifko said, "Jimmy Fallon is so darn cute. He has such a good idea of what college is, his skits were right on target. So cute."

Fallon refused to attribute his success to solely on his hard work.

"Ever since I can remember, all I ever wished about was being on SNL. I wished on shooting stars, wishing wells, birthday cakes, whenever there was an opportunity to make a wish I took it. There's only one problem."

He looked around the room. "How do I know which one worked?"



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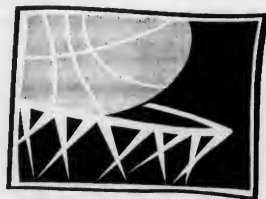
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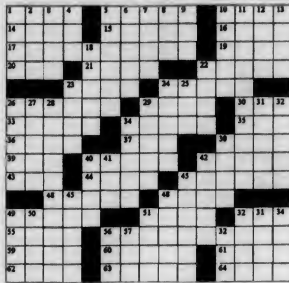


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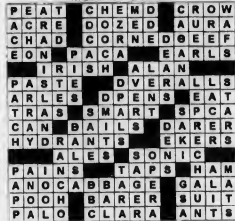
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24 Turn red  
26 Des, Iowa  
28 Compensates  
30 Highland headgear  
33 Performed  
34 Worries  
35 European money/Abv  
36 Use chewing tobacco  
37 Airline gathering point  
38 Make a sweater  
39 Salt-brined fish  
40 Tehran mood  
42 Sierra  
43 Lanka  
44 Hairstyle  
45 Actor Richard  
46 Bottomless pit  
48 Dime  
49 Grandmothers  
51 Alert  
52 Elsie's call  
55 "Exodus" author  
56 Vestian secret service  
58 Pleasant French city  
60 Wigwag  
61 Turn tail  
62 Luge need  
63 Boy Scout tasks  
64 Native American people
- DOWN  
1 Huck Finn's boat  
2 Taj Mahal site  
3 Prompted



- 4 Mr. Starr  
5 Dietrich Intensity  
6 TV show  
7 College in Frederick, MD  
8 Ear Prefix  
9 Damascus locale/Abbr.  
10 Some British women  
11 John McCormack for one  
12 O'Neill's Christie  
13 Spike and Robert  
18 Articles of faith  
22 Rumples the hair  
23 For the second time  
24 Fishhook parts  
25 Soap ingredient  
26 Ceremonial staffs  
27 Orange yellow  
28 Summer treat  
29 Sao, city in Brazil  
31 Grape  
32 TV controls  
34 Bracelet item
- 38 Song writer Jerome  
40 Leonard and Charles  
41 Andie and Buts lead in  
42 "The Facts of Life" author  
45 Aqueduct animals  
47 Displaced  
48 Packed  
49 Mother Teresa & others  
50 Bead covering  
51 Dry dishes  
52 Beer ingredient  
53 Cookies  
54 Lyric poems  
56 Benchmark/Abbr.  
57 Teeny  
58 Flying saucer

## MURPHY'S LAW



The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bulletin.

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## Hard Work Should Be Rewarded, Not Ignored

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that it takes away a large part of the reward of hard work and dedication.

I am a hard-working student, spending a large part of my time studying for my classes. As the people around me slack off and spend time doing anything but work, it bothers me that the majority of them have a higher lottery number than myself. Having attended summer school, worked hard and put in a lot of effort, I feel it only fair that I be rewarded with a decent lottery number.

The lottery number given to me should reflect my work and should allow me a fair chance to get into a dorm that will better promote my study habits. I should also be given a fair chance at a dorm in which I will be with people who will not cause exorbitant fines to the hall, and a dorm in which I am not subject to frequent fire alarms in the middle of the night for no apparent reason.

I realize that it is too late in the year for the administration to make any change to the current system.

However, I do think it fair that every effort be made to switch to a system not unlike the one used in the past, which rewards students accordingly. I read that the system currently in use is only being used because the software that was brought in to handle the new plus/minus grading system couldn't handle the old lottery system.

If this is the case, it is a ridiculous excuse. Would it be too much work to keep one computer around to maintain a fair housing system?

And it is really useful to place all students into the same system, making no separation of males, females, departing students and future commuters?

I would both like and expect the administration to revert to a system similar to that which was in place last year, a system which was neither unfair, unjust nor a mockery of hard working students.

Rob McCandlish is a sophomore

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Issued by Donald N Rallis, Department of Geography

## RESEARCH STUDY

If you have ever had sexual contact against your will, you maybe eligible to participate in a study on sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Research is underway to learn more about survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Participants will share information about their experiences with a researcher trained as an advocate by the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault. As a participant, you will receive payment for your time and effort. All information will be strictly confidential. If you are interested and would like more information, call Dr. Carole Corcoran at 654-1557 or Melissa at 654-4263.



Residents on the first floor of Jefferson Hall decorated a bulletin board with images of scantily-clad women.

Juliette Gomez/Bulletin

## Bulletin Board Broaches Touchy Topic

By MARK H. RODEFFER  
News Editor

Photographs of scantily-clad women with phrases such as "Give it to me," "I like it in DA ASS," "I have no brain," and "Look at my TITS," scrawled across them were recently posted on a bulletin board in a common area on the first floor of Jefferson Hall. Seth Kennard, a junior and head resident of Jefferson Hall, said that the bulletin board is the responsibility of Mike Southworth, the resident assistant for that floor, but that students from the floor put up the pictures and wrote on the bulletin board. Southworth declined to comment.

"[Southworth] is an RA for both sides of that floor," Kennard said. "[RAs] are responsible for doing one bulletin board a month. Every month he changes one. That one was done at some point by the residents."

Scott Eckhardt, the assistant director of residence life for Jefferson Hall, could not be reached for comment.

Bob Franklin, assistant director of residence life, said that the material should be removed.

"I think that stuff is inappropriate and could be offensive to many people on this campus," he said.

Mary Woodie, a senior and RA in Jefferson Hall, said that residents aren't allowed to decorate bulletin boards.

"Technically, obviously, the residents shouldn't be doing that," Woodie said. "RAs are required to do one bulletin board a month. Some RAs, depending on what floor they are on, have more than one bulletin board. So, Mike chooses to put stuff up on the other one, so he leaves the other one alone so the residents get away with it."

The Bulletin was unable to find any students who admitted to playing a role in putting up the bulletin board. Those first-floor residents who did comment didn't have a problem with it.

"I like it because it's on an all guys floor," said Joshua Tehay, a sophomore resident of the floor.

Franklin said that Eckhardt is probably not aware of the bulletin board, but that if he were, there might be difficulties taking it down.

"If we create a forum for students to write comments,

it's really hard to regulate the forum in terms of free speech," Franklin said.

Kennard said the bulletin board reflects the men's views.

"You're looking at a sophomore guys' floor," he said. "That's pretty much how they bond. That's their own community space."

Tory Mahaley, a Jefferson Hall resident, said she finds the bulletin board offensive.

"I find it kind of threatening," she said. "It's scary that people like that go to this school."

Cyrus Grady, a junior living in Madison Hall, noticed the bulletin board two weeks ago while using the microwave in the common area on the first floor.

"It objectified women," Grady said. "The pictures are one thing, but having a comment like 'I have no brain'—it can't get much more blatant than that."

Woodie said that she understands why some would be offended by the bulletin board but that she is not.

"I guess I should be offended, but basically I just really don't care what the guys on the first floor of Jefferson think," Woodie said.

## Ring Week A Costly Affair

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health and having fun," he said. "We didn't do those sort of things. It's gone from celebrating the week to getting juniors, and that's not what it's all about."

According to Rucker, the college and city community are concerned with property damage or theft throughout Junior Ring Week.

"Property damage, breaking and entering and hazing are considered illegal, some people don't understand that," he said. "The parameters of what a prank is is broad—handcuffing someone to a guardrail, putting vulgar posters up are not considered pranks."

Eggs, whipped cream, dog food, flour, ketchup and mustard are only a few items used to douse juniors on campus. As a result, Facilities Services is responsible for cleaning the messes up and it is costly.

According to John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, the total on-campus damages in 1998, excluding all personal property, came to \$3,200 including overtime for facilities services employees.

Last year Wiltenmuth said that the college spent \$2,400 to power wash on campus, not including other services or for overtime for Facilities Services employees.

## Suspect Arrested In Fairfax

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He then allegedly drove away in the vehicle, which is owned by a roofing contractor hired by the college.

A woman who works for Facilities Services said she saw Santmeyer, who is five feet 10 inches tall with brown hair and blue eyes, drive away in the vehicle and was able to describe him to David Cooper, the college police officer who was called to the scene at 1:50 p.m.

Cooper contacted the Fredericksburg Police and surrounding jurisdictions, and based on the witness' description, Fredericksburg Police suspected Santmeyer. Cooper then called the Virginia Department of Corrections, and they sent an officer from the Stafford Detention Center with photographs of Santmeyer. The witness then gave police a positive identification of Santmeyer.

Santmeyer will appear before a judge for arraignment on Thursday in the General District Court on Princess Anne Street.

Grand larceny is a felony, punishable by no less than one and no more than 20 years of incarceration.

## Faculty Senate Planned

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BOV only approves changes in the handbook at the end of each year, if the change does not pass, it will be postponed until next April.

Paul Dresser, rector of the BOV, was hesitant to comment on the proposed faculty senate because he has not received any official documentation on it yet, but he is open to the idea.

"I think that if they feel it is a more appropriate way for them to organize. I'm willing to consider their suggestions," he said.

The idea for the faculty senate emerged from the Mary Washington College chapter for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), which is independent from the college. According to Ernest Ackermann, professor of computer science and a leader in the AAUP, the college's chapter began developing the idea of a faculty senate about two years ago.

According to Nails, the issue arose when the faculty was having difficulties conducting its business or reaching a quorum at meetings. After the local chapter of the AAUP began discussions on the possibility of a faculty senate at Mary Washington, the CFO asked the AAUP to submit a faculty senate model for the college. Nails and O'Brien did the research and developed a model for the CFO.

The faculty discussed most of the details presented by the CFO at the March faculty meeting. Ackermann said that over 60 percent of the faculty present approved the motion to adopt the senate.

This was not the first time a faculty senate was considered. According to Hall, the faculty narrowly rejected moving to a senate five or six years ago.

O'Brien added, "Much research went into it, but when it came up for a vote, it lost by one or two votes. At that time, some faculty still thought that a large democratic meeting, no matter how inefficient and disorganized, was preferable to a senate model."

Ackermann feels that the senate will be more efficient than the current meeting system.

"We could conduct our business in a more appropriate and efficient manner if the body meeting were representative and smaller, and if the meeting were chaired by a member of the faculty. The current plan for a faculty senate meets those goals," he said.

Hall, who enjoyed working as a member of a faculty senate at Virginia Tech, said that he is split over the idea

of the senate.

"It will be more efficient. It may be more legitimate in some sense. Sometimes it is hard to assemble a quorum, which is fewer than half the faculty anyway. With the senate, every department will have its representative," Hall said.

He does regret, though, the lack of involvement of the entire faculty in the decision-making process.

"We pride ourselves in being a small college with the ability for the entire faculty to participate. It's a shame to give up on," he said.

The college's departments already have elected their senators, but the remaining three positions will be elected in the next meeting.

Martha Fickett, professor of music, is the senator for the music department. She is opposed to the senate, and would prefer having the entire faculty meet together.

"I did not change my mind, but since I wanted to have input on issues that face the faculty, I accepted a nomination to serve on the Senate," she said.

Gratz also opposes the new format, but became a senator because he did not want to lose his voice in making faculty decisions. He feels the unity provided through the current format is an asset.

"I felt it brought us together. When something big was done, you knew it was discussed by the whole faculty. It took on a legitimacy. Now, decisions won't have quite the same legitimacy," he said.

Nails explained that there are some safeguards built into the system. For example, the entire faculty must ratify the senate's decisions, checking their power. Also, all faculty members will receive a complete agenda packet and minutes from the meetings. Faculty members also are encouraged to sit in on meetings and participate when recognized by the chair.

O'Brien is optimistic about the new senate.

"The senate will reflect more fully a faculty agenda, presided over by faculty. It will be more efficient and better informed," he said. "The plan for the senate includes opportunities for any faculty member to address the senate and for the general faculty to overturn any senate measures. These are safeguards for those who worried about the move away from the big democratic meetings of the past. But we'll see. The faculty can change it back if it doesn't like the senate."

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